

# Ashburnham Parks & Recreation

## Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2012

### I. Call to order

Mike Salem called to order the regular meeting of the **Parks & Recreation Committee** at **7:05pm** on **March 22<sup>th</sup> 2012** in Fire Department Conference room level 1.

### II. Roll call

Mike Salem, Rebecca Cinclair, Doug Carlman, Gail Dumont, Cheryl Goller, Tamara Walsh  
Special guest Wes Snow

### III. Review of Minutes

Minutes from February 16<sup>th</sup> 2012

Vote to approve minutes from February 16<sup>th</sup> 2012 - unanimous

### IV. Ashburnham Little League

Wes Snow VP of Ashburnham Little League discussed their plans with improving the maintenance of the fields. They are contracting with Diamond Athletics to renovate Bickford Field. They were quoted 80,000 to install lights at the field

Signups were down by 65 kids. Perhaps due to Dek Hockey, Lacross, Outlaws

They received a donated swing set structure that they would like to use to make a play area.

We informed him of the safety rules for surface material for playground structures.

P & R asked who pays for the lights? The league does during their season.

What would they like to see from us? Help with funding to re-do Marden field.

### V. Playgrounds

- a) DPW is picking up donated playground equipment from Framingham on Friday March 23.
- b) Gail has been offered a donation of playground mulch.
- c) Donation must be accepted by BOS before going forward
- d) Gail will get necessary donation letter from Aguiar Landscaping to give to Mike
- e) Mike will provide Doug Briggs with the necessary mulch donation information for next BOS meeting.
- f) Need a price for sand
- g) Move 1 Excavator from Winchester to Sweeney Playground
- h) Take out Merry-Go-Round for repair and relocate to Sweeney Playground
- i) Discussion on playground equipment to purchase. Geodome & Springmate Turtle for Winchester and swings for Sweeney. Swings were part of the budget but they should be replaced now.

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### **VI. New Business**

- a) Our warrant article for fence will not be voted on at the town meeting in May. It has been bumped to the fall.
- b) Parks & Rec now has voicemail set up at the Town Hall. Ext. 124
- c) \$674.00 from WinterFest has been deposited to the Sweeney Playground Trust Fund
- d) Doug Briggs and Ed Vitone will attend our meeting on April 12 at 7:00pm to discuss a town beach
- e) Mike will put together a letter for Briggs project for trucks to seek alternate route.  
Motion: 4 yes, Gail Dumont Abstained
- f) A representative from Ultiplay Playgrounds & Equipment came out today to walk the playgrounds with Gail, Doug and Rebecca. He pointed the lack of mulch at each playground needed to be address as soon as possible for safety reasons. The roof of a play structure at Winchester needed to be replaced or taken off and capped. Some other misc. items were mentioned. He informed us that we are not required to have a fence but recommended to have a fence on the road side.
- g) Discussion of closing the parks due to safety concerns.

### **VII. Adjournment**

**Mike Salem** adjourned the meeting at **9:30pm**.

Minutes submitted by: Cheryl Goller

Minutes approved by: committee